

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 425

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A RESOLUTION to honor Bill Shedden upon his receipt of the Pioneer Award from the Tennessee School Plant Management Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Bill Shedden, recipient of the Pioneer Award from the Tennessee School Plant Management Association (TSPMA), the highest honor given by the organization; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime member of TSPMA, Mr. Shedden served as District Director of the First District of the TSPMA in 2009, and he is the only member of the association to have served four consecutive years as TSPMA President, from 2014 to 2018; he has also served as President of the National School Plant Management Association (NSPMA), from 2022 to 2023; and

WHEREAS, during his four years as TSPMA president, the association's membership grew by more than sixty percent while vendor participation increased by more than thirty-five percent, increases that led to TSPMA's annual conference being repeatedly sold out; and

WHEREAS, Bill Shedden became the Director of Maintenance for Hawkins County Schools in June 2009; during his illustrious tenure with the school system, he oversaw the completion of two freshman academies at Cherokee High School and Volunteer High School, as well as the construction of two new schools, Church Hill Intermediate School and Clinch School; and

WHEREAS, he also oversaw additions at St. Clair Elementary School and Church Hill Elementary School; under his guidance, eighteen Qualified School Construction Bond Program

projects were brought to Hawkins County Schools and a successful energy program was initiated, saving Hawkins County Schools over \$500,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, through Mr. Shedden's vision, commitment, and dedication, Hawkins County Schools made history as it implemented the installation of twenty solar sites, thereby becoming the first school system in the State of Tennessee to generate power from TVA's Generation Partnership Program. Bulls Gap School in Hawkins County was the first school in the State to generate solar power, followed soon thereafter by Church Hill Intermediate School and Clinch School; the solar program was installed at no cost to the school system and generated \$875,000 for the school system for the duration of the TVA contract; and

WHEREAS, Bill Shedden played a key role in improving the safety and learning environment of each of the school systems in which he worked; as Facility Director for Kingsport City Schools, he oversaw the \$20,000,000 science and technology addition to Dobyns-Bennett High School in Kingsport and successfully implemented an energy program that saved over \$500,000 annually for the school system; he also employed preventative and predictive maintenance programs for the system, along with a cost-saving time management program; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Shedden has been a Mason for forty-three years and is a member of Overton Lodge #5; he has also been a member of the Scottish Rite for forty-three years, a Shriner for forty-two years, and a member of the York Rite for thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Bill Shedden was named the National School Plant Manager of the Year in 2013, Tennessee School Plant Manager of the Year for 2018-2019, and a lifetime member of the NSPMA, and he won the 2022 NSPMA Pat Cochrane Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shedden has long been a loyal advocate for the children of Tennessee and the Tennessee School Plant Management Association; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many successes, Bill Shedden has enjoyed the love and support of his wife of thirty-nine years, Debbie Gladson Shedden; they are the parents of five

children, Jason (Tomarra) Shedden, Austin (Christen) Shedden, Katie Shedden Dean (Jason), the late Jeremy Andrew Shedden, and Dolly Shedden Shaffer (Derek); the Sheddens also have six grandchildren, Austin Shedden, Launa Shedden, Harper Rhea Shaffer, Channing Wayne Shaffer, Bonnie Claire Dean, and Vivian Grace Dean, and their seventh grandchild will arrive in August 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shedden epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to pause in our deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Bill Shedden for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Bill Shedden upon his receipt of the Pioneer Award from the Tennessee School Plant Management Association, extending our best wishes for his continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.